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Industry and Farm Job Trends At Good Strength; Record Job Highs For First 3 Months of 1968

1st Quarter 1968 Sets Job Records—

There were more workers on jobs in Montana's non-farm industries in March 1968 than in any similar month of all past years. Employment estimates compiled by the Montana Unemployment Compensation Commission in cooperation with the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics show 181,000 wage earners on payrolls of industry and commerce at mid-March. This was an increase of 600 over the February 1968 employment figure, and a gain of 900 over March 1967 job levels. Non-farm employment for both January and February this year also established records for those months. Steady job gains in most industry groups were of sufficient strength to offset the absence of copper industry workers from employment figures during the 8½ month period of the strike which ended on March 30, 1968. Those workers recalled to their former jobs in the copper industry after the strike will be part of the April, 1968 employment statistics in the next issue of this publication.

Over-the-month job gains in 5 groups

—Employment gains from February to March this year were recorded in five industry groups. Job levels in two industries did not change from February, and a decline was posted in one. Construction and trade industries each were up 500 workers during March.

Government employment posted a gain of 300. One hundred workers were added to both the service industries group, and to transportation, communication, and utility firms. Employment figures in mining, and in finance, insurance, and real estate establishments did not change from February totals. Manufacturing employment was the only group to show a decline from February. The bulk of the decline was in food processing, down 700, chiefly the result of the end of sugar beet refining activities for another season. A lesser decline of 200 in the durable goods segment stemmed chiefly from a slowdown in the lumber industry, a common occurrence every year at this time of the spring break-up conditions.

Back-to-work signal in copper industry—March 30, 1968 will be a date long remembered, especially by the more than 7,000 copper industry workers and their families who bore the greatest burdens of suffering and frustration during 8½ months of the strike. That was the day when official end came to the longest strike ever to grip the Montana economy. In its wake it left a backlog of unpaid bills, a few business closures, the depletion of county poor funds in Silver Bow and Deer Lodge counties, and millions of dollars in wage and tax losses. All

that is in the past now. The recall of workers started immediately after the strike's end and increased daily as mines, plants, and equipment were readied so that production could resume. More than 4,400 workers have now been recalled to mines, smelters, and other operations. It is anticipated that there will be one thousand fewer jobs in Butte mining operations than the pre-strike totals. Workers not recalled to Butte mining jobs will be offered employment in other operations throughout the state as job openings develop.

More job expansion in view for season—Barring bad weather or unforeseen labor disputes, more jobs will be generated in all industry groups as the summer work season advances. The best employment advances are expected to be in construction, manufacturing, and the trade and service segments. More moderate job gains should be posted in mining, which includes petroleum and natural gas production; and in government.

Brisk farm labor demand finds worker shortages—Farm and ranch activity, responding to generally good weather conditions, needed more workers than were in supply during the past month. Job orders for livestock care, irrigation, field work, and general maintenance found few available workers in many areas of the state.

LABOR TURNOVER RATES IN MANUFACTURING AND MINING INDUSTRIES

(per 100 employees)

(Compiled in cooperation with U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	ACCESSION RATE						SEPARATION RATE								
	Total			New Hire			Total			Quit			Layoff		
	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968	Feb. 1967	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968	Feb. 1967	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968	Feb. 1967	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968	Feb. 1967	Feb. 1968	Jan. 1968	Feb. 1967
All Manufacturing	3.0	2.7	3.7	2.2	2.2	3.0	3.5	3.0	3.2	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.4	.7	.7
Durable Goods	3.5	2.8	4.4	2.8	2.4	3.3	3.5	3.3	3.7	1.4	1.8	2.1	1.1	.5	.6
Primary Metal	1.3	1.8	4.8	.6	1.0	4.3	.6	2.3	3.1	.3	1.0	1.6	*	*	*
Nondurable Goods	1.9	2.5	2.3	1.1	2.0	2.3	3.5	2.6	2.1	1.1	.9	.7	2.0	1.1	.9
All Mining	7.0	2.9	4.0	2.1	2.2	1.9	6.4	5.9	5.2	1.5	1.9	2.0	3.0	3.1	.9
Metal Mining	1.9	1.3	5.3	.1	*	2.1	3.1	2.7	5.2	.9	1.2	2.4	.5	*	.1

*Less than .05

Along the Hiring Line— Field Summary for March

ANACONDA, Deer Lodge, Philipsburg—Effects of 8½ month old copper strike, over at the close of March, will linger over local economy for some months to come. Gradual improvement in trade, service, and other industries will show as smelter payrolls reach normal proportions. Work in potato cellars made some new jobs in March.

BILLINGS, Columbus, Hardin, Laurel, Red Lodge, Roundup—Brisk job gains recorded in outdoor industries with favorable weather a contributing factor. At the lead were highway and commercial construction projects. Current work either underway or funded is in excess of \$28 million. Manufacturing industries, in turn, showed upturn principally in stone and metal products. Seasonal upturn in trade and service firms found some worker shortages necessitating out of area recruitment. Transient workers sufficient to meet current farm labor demand.

BOZEMAN, Ennis, Three Forks, Trident—Job gains in construction, trade, and service industries highlighted March labor trends with substantial increases over year ago. All building construction in good progress including 25 new homes. Main street benefiting from start of spring buying season. All lumber mills have full crews but logging still limited in some areas. Farm labor demand increasing with some worker shortages developing.

BUTTE, Virginia City, Whitehall—The mining city welcomed news of settlement of the 8½ month copper strike which kept the economy at low ebb for such a long period of time. Worker call backs are now in progress with maintenance and repair of mines and equipment first in order. Main street business volume will edge up slowly as mining paychecks are received. Fairly active job activity in construction and railroad track work.

CUT BANK—Industrial job placements up 100% from year ago totals. Most job gains were in construction and retail trade. Upturn in oil field activity expected in April after slow trends in March. A Browning lumber mill now in full operation with more hiring seen later in season. New industrial site at Browning attracting industry inquiries.

DILLON—Good agenda of commercial, home, and educational buildings in progress. Carpenters strike still delays one major project. A \$490,257 contract awarded for library and admin-

	Mar. 68	Feb. 68	Mar. 67	Feb. 68 to Mar. 68	Mar. 67 to Mar. 68
Civilian Work Force.....					
Total Employment.....	261.8	256.8	260.1	5.0	1.7
Total Non-agricultural	239.5	233.4	244.2	6.1	-4.7
Employment.....	208.9	207.9	209.0	1.0	-.1
(Non-agricultural Wage					
& Salary).....	181.0	180.4	180.1	.6	.9
Total Agriculture Employment.....	30.6	25.5	35.2	5.1	-4.6
Labor Management Disputes.....	7.6	7.6	*	—	7.6
Total Unemployment.....	14.7	15.8	15.9	-1.1	-1.2
Percent Unemployed.....	5.6	6.2	6.1	—	—
U.S. Unemployment Rate.....	—	4.2	3.9	—	—

*Less than 50

istration building at local college campus. Farm labor demand continues upward for variety of work.

GLASGOW, Fort Peck, Malta, Opheim—Labor demand in farm and industry remained passive until the end of the month when job orders started to develop. Jobs in construction, trade, and agriculture should increase during April. Limited farm labor demand chiefly for livestock care and field work.

GLENDIVE, Circle, Wibaux—Good schedule of construction points to an active year in the building and highway project fields. Double shifts on interstate bridges and overpasses expected soon. Steady progress noted on new hospital, communications center, and addition to telephone company building. Work began on new grade school at Baker. Steady trends in oil field work.

GREAT FALLS, Choteau, Fort Benton, Stanford—Smelter workers returning to jobs after strike caused idleness of 8½ months coupled with good trends in other industries presages a good summer employment work season. Trade industries provided majority of March job orders. Demand for service industry workers also showed good upturns. Demand for farm and ranch hands climbed sharply with job placements up 20% from last year.

HAMILTON, Stevensville—Logging was the only industry not sharing in good job upturns throughout March. More workers went to jobs in construction, trade, service, manufacturing, and private households. Logging should be back to normal within the next month.

HAVRE, Chinook, Harlem—Industrial employment totals at highest lev-

els of past few years. Good summer job trends seen in construction, trade, railroads, and government. New natural gas well discoveries bring possibility of new gas lines into Great Falls area. Farm labor demand fairly active despite more mechanization and fewer smaller farm operations.

HELENA, Boulder, Garrison, Townsend, White Sulphur Springs—March labor demand stayed on the slow side with only normal demand in some clerical occupations. Retail trade activity not up to par; several small business closures noted. Major construction in progress includes a warehouse, state liquor store, office building, and \$5 million interstate highway project. Awaiting start is \$800,000 senior citizens apartment complex. Some farm labor shortages in evidence.

KALISPELL, Columbia Falls, Whitefish—Two unrelated factors, one economic and the other natural, responsible for new unemployment during March. The spring break-up kept 200 woods workers idled while a laborer's strike put 140 workers on the bench. Job prospects also dimmed in lumber mills. A winter resort furloughed 50 workers. Trade and service hiring held up until conditions improve.

LEWISTOWN, Harlowton, Ryegate, Winnett—Construction, trade, and agriculture were at the front of increased job activity in March. Hiring in industry and farm above year ago. Boeing Company associated with missile facilities in area moving in trailers for office and warehouse use. Temporary closure of small lumber mill idled 7 men.

LIBBY—March job hiring registered substantial decline due to complete shutdown of logging operations and labor dispute in construction industry.

NINE YEARS OF MONTANA INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT TOTALS BY MONTHS (in Thousands)

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Aver.
1956	156.6	154.4	156.3	163.0	169.3	177.4	177.4	179.8	177.2	174.6	170.4	166.7	168.6
1957	156.8	155.0	156.8	161.3	166.0	172.0	174.2	174.2	170.8	167.4	163.2	159.9	164.8
1958	153.1	150.3	150.5	156.4	162.4	167.1	170.2	172.2	170.0	168.8	165.8	162.4	164.4
1959	155.3	153.2	155.9	162.2	167.5	174.0	177.5	179.2	169.9	165.6	161.5	159.4	165.1
1960	152.7	152.5	156.1	163.5	168.4	175.8	176.9	177.7	174.8	171.6	167.5	164.5	166.8
1961	156.9	154.8	156.1	160.2	165.1	173.3	176.0	178.1	176.8	172.4	169.0	166.2	167.1
1962	158.3	158.2	159.6	166.2	172.4	180.1	180.5	181.2	178.6	176.6	175.1	173.5	171.7
1963	163.9	163.0	165.0	170.2	175.1	181.0	182.3	183.8	181.5	179.7	176.6	173.6	174.6
1964	166.2	164.3	165.1	169.1	174.2	182.4	185.5	187.2	184.9	182.2	178.4	175.4	176.2
1965	167.9	167.4	168.9	174.4	179.8	188.7	189.6	192.1	189.9	188.1	185.3	183.6	181.3
1966	173.9	172.6	174.2	180.2	185.4	195.6	198.2	199.2	195.8	191.2	187.6	186.9	186.7
1967	179.9	178.5	180.1	184.6	188.7	199.0	201.4	196.6	195.4	193.8	191.7	189.7	189.9
1968	181.0	180.4	181.0										

* Preliminary Estimate—

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INDUSTRIAL WAGES, WAGE EARNERS, EMPLOYERS, BY COUNTIES AND INDUSTRIES IN FISCAL 1967

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Benefit Related to Wage

County	Unemploy- ment Bene- fits	Total Wages	Percent Benefit To Total Wage
G. Valley ..\$	5,234 \$	69,322	2.55
Carbon	68,003	1,911,644	3.56
Jefferson	28,198	903,395	3.12
Madison	33,971	1,258,475	2.70
Phillips	37,516	1,401,851	2.68
Musselshell	38,493	1,444,773	2.66
Meagher	28,989	1,161,598	2.50
Mineral	45,472	1,837,271	2.47
Blaine	41,478	1,732,472	2.39
Lake	128,908	5,836,263	2.21
Glacier	146,469	6,750,305	2.17
Roosevelt	67,452	3,128,455	2.16
Stillwater	27,210	1,293,676	2.10
Pondera	81,265	3,887,097	2.09
Big Horn	68,841	3,304,743	2.08
Judith Basin	6,560	326,402	2.01
Carter	4,818	249,372	1.93
Ravalli	103,643	5,448,063	1.90
Wheatland	10,797	576,021	1.87
Granite	21,386	1,271,175	1.68
Park	97,942	5,851,745	1.67
Fergus	95,891	5,931,662	1.62
Prairie	6,432	415,566	1.55
Teton	44,526	3,047,048	1.46
Sanders	65,354	4,636,495	1.41
Powell	37,706	2,669,543	1.41
Rosebud	26,990	1,978,206	1.36
Richland	52,470	4,013,881	1.31
Flathead	434,939	33,340,312	1.30
Beaverhead	40,667	3,121,702	1.30
Garfield	3,354	270,341	1.24
Broadwater	10,821	877,297	1.23
P. River	5,537	473,256	1.17
Fallon	22,129	1,922,486	1.15
Toole	44,436	3,889,383	1.14
Sheridan	21,246	1,946,253	1.09
L. & C.	268,848	25,407,615	1.06
Cascade	838,213	79,875,110	1.05
Wibaux	7,143	680,236	1.05
Valley	58,432	5,708,744	1.02
Daniels	10,609	1,038,832	1.02
Lincoln	207,563	20,846,131	1.00
Petroleum	3,634	362,212	1.00
Sweet Grass	9,345	966,027	.97
Hill	71,476	7,733,327	.94
Gallatin	146,975	17,231,529	.85
Yellowstone	709,265	86,986,912	.82
Missoula	427,035	54,665,898	.78
Dawson	49,092	6,529,805	.75
Custer	60,827	8,856,622	.69
Liberty	5,923	946,639	.63
McCone	6,868	1,182,257	.58
Silver Bow	337,018	62,406,064	.54
Chouteau	10,460	1,939,843	.54
Treasure	1,125	302,279	.37
Deer Lodge	63,505	17,719,880	.36
Statewide		113,912,133	----
Interstate	356,026		----
Fiscal 1967	\$5,654,525	\$633,475,844	.89

INSURED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN MONTANA CLIMB TO NEW RECORDS IN FISCAL YEAR 1967

Insured Wages Up \$25.6 Million

Workers employed in industries insured under Montana's Unemployment Compensation Law received a record total of \$633.5 million in wages during the fiscal year 1967 (July 1, 1966 through June 30, 1967). This represents a gain of \$25.6 million over the Fiscal 1966 wage totals. The wage gain from Fiscal 1960 to Fiscal 1967 is a sizeable \$175 million. It points up the fact that Montana has enjoyed a sure and steady industrial growth over the past seven years.

Six Industries Post Wage Gains

Six of the seven major industry groups reported higher wage totals in Fiscal 1967 than in Fiscal 1966. Gains were in this order, with Fiscal 1967 wage totals shown first, then the increase from Fiscal 1966: Trade, \$192.4 million, up \$9.1 million; Manufacturing, \$148.1 million, up \$8.5 million; Transportation, Communications, and Utilities, \$66.1 million, up \$5.3 million; Service Industries, \$55 million, up \$2.6 million; Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate, \$36.7 million, up \$1.9 million, and Mining, \$52.5 million, up \$1.3 million. Construction was the only group to show a wage decline from Fiscal 1966. Construction contractors paid \$80.5 million in wages during Fiscal 1967 against a Fiscal 1966 total of \$83.9 million.

More Workers In Five Groups

Five industry groups had more wage

earners on their payrolls in Fiscal 1967 than in Fiscal 1966. Service industries led the field, up 900 to 16,740. Next in order were—Trade, up 745 to 44,359; Manufacturing, up 526 to 23,237; Transportation, Communications, and Utilities, up 234 to 10,345; and Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate, up 81 to 6,855.

Mining Has Highest Average Yearly Wages

Average earnings for Fiscal 1967 were highest in the mining industry at \$7,197. Next in order were: Construction, \$7,167; Transportation, Communications, and Utilities, \$6,397; Manufacturing, \$6,373; Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate, \$5,350; Trade, \$4,377; and Service and Miscellaneous, \$3,304. The average yearly earnings on all UCC covered industries was \$5,253.

Reports Available From 1950

This report is one of an annual series begun in 1950. It deals only with industries, employment and wages subject under Montana's Unemployment Compensation Law. It therefore, excludes interstate railroads, government employment at all levels, farm and farm processing employment, and certain institutions classified as non-profit organizations. An explanation of the "Statewide" employer category is contained in Footnote 3 of the center page table. Earlier issues from 1950 to date are available upon request.

AVERAGE EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE BY MAJOR INDUSTRY

	Fiscal Year							
	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Mining	\$7,197	\$6,764	\$6,578	\$6,314	\$6,316	\$6,075	\$5,916	\$5,426
Construction	7,167	7,006	6,485	6,414	6,583	6,191	5,597	5,239
Manufacturing	6,373	6,147	5,911	5,615	5,572	5,328	5,214	4,990
Transportation and Communications	6,397	6,017	5,871	5,636	5,405	5,206	5,449	4,846
Utilities, Trade (Wholesale & Retail)	4,337	4,202	4,074	3,953	3,890	3,854	3,788	3,683
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	5,350	5,125	4,867	4,694	4,504	4,405	3,696	4,145
Service and Miscellaneous	3,304	3,290	3,177	3,136	3,086	2,994	2,886	2,821
All Covered Industries	5,253	5,097	4,903	4,759	4,724	4,566	4,405	4,222

EMPLOYERS, WAGE EARNERS, WAGES IN MONTANA'S MA

COUNTY	ALL COVERED INDUSTRY			MINING			CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION			MANUFACTURING	
	Average No. Employers	Average No. Workers	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Workers	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Workers	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Workers
Beaverhead	199	883	\$ 3,121,702	9	25	112,317	27	51	286,643	5	23
Big Horn	184	796	3,304,743	3	41	362,701	21	86	728,345	3	26
Blaine	136	468	1,732,472	1	4	8,776	18	52	240,314	4	18
Broadwater	56	252	877,297	3	10	52,606	6	8	36,501	6	59
Carbon	156	536	1,911,644	9	57	355,863	13	19	65,839	8	55
Carter	32	73	249,372				6	8	23,895	2	4
Cascade	1,593	14,160	79,875,110	6	13	67,680	229	2,113	16,306,859	49	3,167
Chouteau	116	432	1,939,843				11	14	36,602	6	38
Custer	312	1,879	8,856,622	6	45	352,303	48	214	1,527,528	6	94
Daniels	92	259	1,038,832				9	20	87,739	2	3
Dawson	267	1,480	6,529,805	22	187	1,389,197	33	133	659,551	9	69
Deer Lodge	216	2,679	17,719,880	5	357	2,855,400	17	56	393,476	8	1,513
Fallon	118	448	1,922,486	6	87	615,857	15	42	214,260	4	25
Fergus	347	1,462	5,931,662	6	15	74,653	50	158	1,084,992	17	147
Flathead	957	6,490	33,340,312	3	10	76,237	103	407	2,573,575	131	2,740
Gallatin	713	3,974	17,231,529	2	20	101,719	92	412	2,429,999	52	827
Garfield	35	94	270,341	1	2	6,378	6	6	22,003	1	1
Glacier	301	1,578	6,750,305	33	196	1,214,090	31	103	669,092	7	61
Golden Valley	17	34	69,322				3	3	10,578		
Granite	74	303	1,271,175	9	81	517,025	7	21	152,302	13	73
Hill	336	1,883	7,733,327	1	5	24,944	45	117	621,966	10	154
Jefferson	80	275	903,395	9	18	87,647	8	21	124,243	5	8
Judith Basin	44	96	326,402	2	1	18	2	3	10,858	1	1
Lake	285	1,372	5,836,263				33	138	639,415	26	531
Lewis and Clark	793	5,010	25,407,615	8	13	57,120	99	634	4,246,938	42	874
Liberty	52	188	946,639	2	5	23,050	5	25	234,681	1	3
Lincoln	381	3,459	20,846,131	5	203	1,398,982	56	557	5,275,622	84	1,528
Madison	118	388	1,258,475	10	65	363,909	6	11	39,567	2	
McCone	66	239	1,182,457	4	1	1,338	12	32	173,280	1	1
Meagher	74	280	1,161,598	2	9	67,990	8	4	19,187	18	158
Mineral	78	387	1,837,271	3	16	97,886	3	2	3,211	16	243
Missoula	1,242	10,203	54,665,898	4	5	22,468	181	719	5,392,292	102	3,220
Musselshell	117	377	1,444,773	15	82	452,293	10	19	94,590	6	14
Park	326	1,532	5,851,745	1	4	19,039	19	188	1,548,665	24	233
Petroleum	15	60	362,212	1	2	4,052	4	41	310,103	1	1
Phillips	128	423	1,401,851	3	4	27,714	17	27	108,099	4	23
Pondera	164	756	3,887,097	9	24	155,909	19	122	1,205,650	5	25
Powder River	53	131	473,256	1			15	22	114,505	2	1
Powell	112	584	2,669,543	3	56	337,737	5	22	261,439	10	151
Prairie	40	142	415,566				4	19	89,944	2	2
Ravalli	280	1,328	5,448,063	6	23	112,380	33	113	651,899	37	424
Richland	231	1,071	4,013,881	6	27	131,692	39	114	493,132	10	83
Roosevelt	244	862	3,128,455	14	52	345,180	24	31	116,369	8	33
Rosebud	125	591	1,978,206	3	15	118,111	11	43	178,497	10	177
Sanders	161	927	4,636,495	5	3	15,778	13	31	179,727	35	505
Sheridan	156	494	1,946,253	11	14	71,747	18	23	100,765	2	24
Silver Bow	918	10,185	62,406,064	12	4,186	31,205,990	83	890	5,812,880	35	667
Stillwater	109	352	1,293,676	4	2	8,960	15	19	66,823	6	51
Sweet Grass	82	294	966,027				9	15	72,194	5	12
Teton	150	585	3,047,048	3	75	567,079	18	105	913,054	7	25
Toole	242	873	3,889,383	46	112	583,866	17	62	393,062	8	55
Treasure	18	67	302,279				4	14	83,993	1	1
Valley	292	1,296	5,708,744	2	20	90,068	46	183	1,231,104	7	73
Wheatland	64	206	576,021				4	6	20,853	3	11
Wibaux	32	141	680,236	2	40	327,366	5	4	22,365	1	3
Yellowstone	2,185	16,464	86,986,912	57	283	2,036,427	275	1,404	9,016,245	84	2,707
Statewide (3)	482	18,801	113,912,133	36	791	5,652,748	111	1,522	13,093,847	17	2,059
Fiscal 1967 (4)	16,186	120,602	\$ 633,475,844	414	7,305	\$ 52,572,290	2,021	11,233	\$ 80,511,157	971	23,237
Fiscal 1966 (4)	16,235	119,261	\$ 607,872,933	423	7,579	\$ 51,261,508	2,030	11,982	\$ 83,948,872	1,004	22,711
Fiscal 1965 (4)	16,143	115,124	\$ 561,473,906	421	7,456	\$ 49,047,655	2,001	11,567	\$ 75,013,479	999	21,783

* Previous issues in this series, covering similar data for fiscal years 1950 to 1966 are available on request.

(1) Interstate railroads not included.

(2) See "Subdivisions of Major Industrial Groups" on another page of this folder. "Miscellaneous" industrial group includes farm services, forestry and employment in business not elsewhere classified. It is here combined with "Service Industries" because of space limitations.

COVERED INDUSTRIES BY COUNTIES, FISCAL YEAR 1967*

WAGES	TRANS., COMMUN., PUBLIC UTILITIES (1)			WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE			FINANCE, INSURANCE REAL ESTATE			SERVICE INDUSTRIES AND MISC. (2)		
	Average No. Employers	Average No. Workers	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Workers	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Workers	WAGES	Average No. Employers	Average No. Workers	WAGES
96,186	12	55	284,431	90	500	1,635,285	10	48	279,375	46	182	427,465
88,728	8	32	161,698	100	414	1,375,545	9	41	229,567	40	156	358,159
93,852	6	23	88,814	76	243	904,269	10	40	216,179	21	88	180,268
261,005	1	2	2,334	30	122	389,948	1	8	48,010	9	43	86,893
203,467	4	6	18,427	78	275	856,855	11	34	225,888	33	90	185,305
5,375	2	10	58,133	16	38	103,605	2	7	52,558	4	6	5,806
0,877,046	64	741	4,072,866	614	4,720	23,066,986	168	1,193	6,817,295	453	2,213	8,666,378
249,568	2	3	16,145	61	293	1,362,308	9	33	138,024	27	51	137,196
488,291	17	168	1,135,505	121	859	3,614,601	22	114	574,440	92	385	1,163,954
13,062	4	30	174,053	53	162	577,055	5	22	123,496	19	22	63,427
296,884	13	153	1,065,075	105	542	1,897,181	13	97	495,794	67	299	726,123
1,992,859	14	72	251,501	104	493	1,605,736	19	60	244,596	49	128	376,312
104,540	8	27	129,998	52	181	557,862	7	34	159,533	26	52	140,436
736,890	11	68	319,104	149	642	2,388,185	31	114	512,195	83	318	815,643
7,332,996	54	395	2,422,855	367	1,902	7,229,903	58	285	1,354,858	241	751	2,349,888
4,490,621	23	128	537,542	270	1,496	5,828,016	44	249	1,276,257	230	842	2,567,375
206				17	63	178,876	4	12	48,096	6	10	14,782
279,315	15	110	689,389	136	529	2,053,243	12	64	307,430	67	515	1,537,746
	1	2	4,614	11	29	54,130				2		
277,986	2	2	2,659	31	92	217,959	2	9	56,422	10	25	46,822
784,799	15	138	787,259	152	885	3,735,774	27	112	580,501	86	472	1,198,084
15,034	3	22	147,835	36	105	247,699	3	16	68,080	16	85	212,857
2,308	2	2	8,645	27	70	221,831	3	10	60,987	7	9	21,755
2,909,885	9	26	67,073	140	477	1,559,223	16	59	356,331	61	141	304,336
5,702,743	24	149	596,695	304	1,580	6,410,455	79	685	3,613,817	237	1,075	4,779,847
14,127	3	8	46,608	27	117	500,619	3	7	34,581	11	23	92,973
0,907,811	17	106	549,491	138	614	1,958,317	13	55	237,540	68	186	522,268
21	1	6	25,499	61	189	492,270	7	27	104,335	31	87	222,674
4,200	8	79	541,673	27	96	336,823	3	14	94,660	11	16	30,478
727,185	3	3	6,763	30	75	227,045	3	9	50,791	10	22	62,637
1,431,979				35	91	216,846	2	11	44,364	19	24	42,985
1,186,682	64	570	3,476,728	439	3,460	15,570,675	108	582	3,066,545	344	1,647	5,950,508
47,575	4	13	58,825	55	177	501,819	7	34	199,816	20	38	89,855
947,691	12	54	242,912	151	615	1,847,560	21	129	577,238	98	309	668,640
3,106	1	3	16,811	8	13	28,140						
122,491	5	8	29,154	73	223	767,832	4	20	92,774	22	118	253,787
109,434	8	28	107,317	82	398	1,703,815	8	50	258,845	33	109	346,127
4,432	4	16	86,212	19	58	170,511	3	14	58,260	9	20	39,336
925,425	3	23	152,311	56	215	636,856	7	48	200,099	28	69	155,676
8,982	2	3	6,808	26	90	233,404	1	10	61,149	5	18	15,279
2,256,673	24	70	334,310	111	437	1,321,630	13	73	358,727	56	188	412,444
342,808	11	50	283,017	105	481	1,813,346	14	76	363,395	46	240	586,491
136,938	8	17	66,751	134	477	1,700,723	10	62	355,574	46	190	406,920
606,382	9	45	185,070	57	191	518,477	7	25	101,343	28	95	270,326
3,085,434	5	22	161,910	69	208	710,283	4	24	136,850	30	134	346,513
113,240	7	40	239,872	78	295	1,036,253	11	36	217,870	29	62	166,506
4,414,442	30	303	1,685,723	427	2,517	12,535,142	83	450	2,247,933	248	1,172	4,503,954
274,454	5	17	95,581	51	152	503,975	6	33	151,923	22	78	191,960
35,832	6	34	145,054	43	182	532,070	3	15	60,522	16	36	120,355
108,644	8	35	191,056	75	249	934,034	11	39	196,110	28	57	137,071
419,060	20	115	717,041	99	324	1,150,370	11	47	234,926	41	158	391,058
1,256	3	10	62,101	8	35	129,074	1	6	25,195	1	1	660
349,177	16	81	391,012	131	626	2,515,237	18	92	523,438	72	216	608,708
31,868	3	5	12,041	38	128	343,084	4	19	74,520	12	37	93,655
8,112	1	8	44,688	17	59	177,707	3	13	85,178	3	14	14,820
8,705,317	92	1,020	6,362,589	850	6,914	32,734,995	232	1,244	6,868,297	595	2,892	11,263,042
3,459,897	20	5,189	36,805,831	204	7,941	40,466,460	23	245	1,751,218	71	1,054	2,682,132
8,100,621	717	10,345	\$ 66,173,409	6,864	44,359	\$ 192,387,927	1,214	6,855	\$ 36,673,745	3,985	17,268	\$ 57,056,695
9,599,289	711	10,111	\$ 60,836,208	6,920	43,614	\$ 183,255,120	1,231	6,774	\$ 31,717,259	3,916	16,490	\$ 54,254,677
8,764,944	705	9,789	\$ 57,467,485	6,921	42,214	\$ 171,971,828	1,239	6,693	\$ 32,572,332	3,857	15,622	\$ 49,636,183

(3) Statewide employers are those whose operations are not ascribed to an individual county. This includes firms with units or operations organized on a multi-county pattern and reporting as a single enterprise. Also included are some employers whose base operations shift from one location to another, such as construction contractors. Wages and employment of such concerns represent approximately 16.4 percent of the state total. In a factual sense this category affects the employment economy of all Montana counties, proportionately to such factors as their population, commercial and industrial pattern, utilities represented, and volume of construction.

(4) Does not include employers who did not have employees during fiscal year. Employers are carried on Commission records until "none" reports have been received for two years.

County Wage Averages

Average earnings are derived from gross wages reported, divided by average number of employes on covered payrolls. Comparative figures for fiscal 1967 and 1966 are hereby arrayed, by county:

County	Average Fiscal 1967	Wage Fiscal 1966
Deer Lodge	\$6,614	\$6,340
Silver Bow	6,127	5,854
Statewide Emp*	6,059	5,947
Petroleum	6,037	6,232
Lincoln	6,027	5,346
Cascade	5,641	5,577
Missoula	5,358	5,141
Yellowstone	5,283	5,148
Teton	5,209	4,709
Pondera	5,142	4,641
Flathead	5,137	4,997
Lewis and Clark	5,071	4,963
Liberty	5,035	4,430
Sanders	5,002	4,947
McCone	4,947	4,589
Wibaux	4,824	4,674
Mineral	4,747	4,840
Custer	4,713	4,623
Powell	4,571	4,313
Treasure	4,512	4,133
Toole	4,455	4,165
Dawson	4,412	4,416
Valley	4,405	4,342
Gallatin	4,336	4,172
Fallon	4,291	4,287
Glacier	4,278	4,261
Lake	4,254	4,056
Granite	4,195	4,516
Big Horn	4,152	5,338
Meagher	4,149	4,042
Hill	4,107	4,080
Ravalli	4,102	4,062
Fergus	4,057	3,918
Daniels	4,011	3,849
Sheridan	3,940	3,647
Musselshell	3,832	3,978
Park	3,820	4,051
Richland	3,748	3,683
Blaine	3,702	3,523
Stillwater	3,675	3,466
Roosevelt	3,629	3,592
Powder River	3,613	3,473
Carbon	3,567	3,652
Beaverhead	3,535	3,614
Broadwater	3,481	3,361
Carter	3,416	3,201
Judith Basin	3,400	4,208
Rosebud	3,347	3,708
Phillips	3,314	3,285
Sweet Grass	3,286	3,060
Jefferson	3,285	3,397
Madison	3,243	3,138
Chouteau	3,160	4,257
Prairie	2,927	2,866
Garfield	2,876	2,882
Wheatland	2,796	2,722
Golden Valley	2,039	2,040
State Average	5,253	5,097

*See Footnote 3

Subdivisions of Major Industrial Groups—

Major industries as presented in this compilation are classified in accordance with accepted classification practices. Subdivisions of the major groups operating in Montana and subject to Montana laws on unemployment insurance are listed below.

Mining—

Metal Mining
Coal Mining
Petroleum and Gas Production
Nonmetallic Mining, Quarrying

Contract Construction—

Building
Other Than Building
Special Trade

Manufacturing—

Durable
Ordinance and Accessories
Lumber and Wood, Primary
Furniture and Fixtures
Stone, Clay, Glass, Etc.
Primary Metal Industries
Fabricated Metal Products
Machinery
Transportation Equipment
Scientific Instruments
Misc. Mfg. Industries
Non-Durable
Food and Kindred Products
Textile Mill Products
Apparel, from Fabrics
Printing and Publishing
Chemicals
Petroleum, Coal Products
Leather and Products

Transportation, Communications,

Public Utilities—

Local Railways, Bus Lines
Trucking and Warehousing
Other Transportation
Communication, Wire and Other
Utilities, Electric and Gas
Other Service Utilities

Wholesale and Retail Trade—

Wholesale

Full-service Wholesalers
Other Wholesale Distributors
Wholesale and Retail
(Combinations)

Retail

General Merchandise
Food and Liquor Stores
Automotive
Apparel and Accessories
Retail Trade not elsewhere
classified
Eating and Drinking Places
Filling Stations

Finance, Insurance, Real Estate

Banks and Trusts
Security Dealers, Investments
Finance Agencies, not elsewhere
classified
Insurance Carriers
Insurance Agents
Real Estate, Loans, Etc.
Holding Companies (except real
estate)

Service Industries

Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps
Personal Services
Non-personal Services
Trade Schools, Etc.
Auto Repair and Garages
Hand Repair Trades
Motion Pictures

Amusement Recreation

Medical and Health
Law Offices
Educational Institutions
Professional and Social
Non-Profit Membership
Organizations

Miscellaneous—

Farm Services
Forestry
Not elsewhere classified

OFFICES OF MONTANA STATE EMPLOYMENT SERVICE

Office	Address	Office	Address
Anaconda	416 E. Park	Helena	515 N. Last Chance Gulch
Billings	624 N. 24th St.	Kalispell	427 First Ave., E.
Billings Y. O. C.	2807 Montana Ave.	Lewistown	324 W. Broadway
Bozeman	234 E. Main	Libby	304 Calif. Ave.
Butte	206 W. Granite St.	Livingston	123 East Callendar
Cut Bank	116 E. Main St.	Miles City	12 N. 10th St.
Dillon	33 East Center St.	Missoula	941 Stephens
Glasgow	238 2nd Ave. So.	Polson	Salish Hotel Bldg.
Glendive	211 So. Kendrick	Shelby	402 First St. So.
Great Falls	1000 1st Ave. So.	Sidney	120 So. Central
Hamilton	333 Main St.	Thompson Falls	910 Main St.
Havre	416 First St.	Wolf Point	314 Main St.

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Along the Hiring Line— Field Summary for March

Libby Dam work force was 1,160 at month's end. Ample supply of labor in area when hiring increases later this season, but shortage of cement finishers expected next 60 days.

LIVINGSTON, Big Timber—Work began on assembling 200 pre-fab motel units for Yellowstone Park. Clerical and food industry workers in demand for main street firms. Some railroad worker layoffs noted. Logging at low point and lumber mills on unsteady schedules due to log shortages.

MILES CITY, Baker, Ekalaka, Broadus, Jordan, Terry—Increased activity generated by new oil field development in the Broadus area gives over-all economy a healthy glow. Labor demand increasing in trade, service and transportation industries. Re-opening of Colstrip coal mine will add to area economy.

MISSOULA, Drummond, Arlee, Superior—Over-all economic outlook carries good prediction for a healthy summer employment picture. Seasonal job expansion in construction, trade, and the lumber industry should be off to good start next month. Farm job placements double last year's figure.

POLSON—Good labor market activity prevalent in most industries. Lumber mill employment stays high and some improvement starting in logging operations. Good progress on construction projects. Potato cellars provided more jobs in sorting and shipping operations.

SHELBY—All industry groups shared in job gains during March. Good weather gave early start to construction, agriculture and other outdoor work. Seventy farm workers placed for the lambing, calving, and sheep shearing season.

SIDNEY—Strong trends along main street and good schedule of construction presages a good employment season. Installation of new equipment and modernization of sugar beet refinery employs 35. Farm labor shortages developing as worker demand increases.

THOMPSON FALLS, Hot Springs—Logging keeps fairly good employment despite spring break-up conditions. Service industry hiring increased and trade employment held fairly stable. Surplus of construction workers waiting for job developments. Farm labor demand year to materialize.

WOLF POINT, Plentywood, Scobey—Construction looking up with projects including grain elevator annex, \$1.5 million school, and $\frac{1}{2}$ million highway contract. Oil well drilling in slight decline from year ago. Steady demand for trade and service industry workers.

ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT IN NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN MONTANA (1)

(Compiled in co-operation with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			Net Change	
	Mar. 1968 (2)	Feb. 1968 (3)	Mar. 1967	Feb. '68 to Mar. '68	Mar. '67 Against Mar. '68
NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES	181,000	180,400	180,100	600	900
Manufacturing	19,300	20,200	22,300	— 900	—3,000
Durable goods	11,900	12,100	14,600	— 200	—2,700
Lumber and timber products	7,700	8,100	8,100	— 400	— 400
*Primary metals	1,500	1,500	4,300	00	—2,800
Other (4)	2,700	2,500	2,200	200	500
Nondurable goods	7,400	8,100	7,700	— 700	— 300
Food and kindred products	3,800	4,500	3,900	— 700	— 100
Printing and publishing	1,600	1,600	1,700	00	— 100
Petroleum refining	1,000	1,000	1,000	00	00
Other (5)	1,000	1,000	1,100	00	— 100
Mining	3,500	3,500	7,100	00	—3,600
*Metal mining	1,100	1,100	4,700	00	—3,600
Coal, quarrying and nonmetallic	900	900	1,000	00	— 100
Petroleum-natural gas production	1,500	1,500	1,400	00	100
Contract Construction	9,100	8,600	7,900	500	1,200
Contractors, building construction	2,900	2,700	2,600	200	300
Contractors, other than building	2,800	2,500	2,200	300	600
Contractors, special trade	3,400	3,400	3,100	00	300
Transportation and utilities	17,300	17,200	17,200	100	100
Interstate railroads	6,700	6,700	7,000	00	— 300
Transportation except railroads	4,600	4,500	4,200	100	400
Utilities including communication	6,000	6,000	6,000	00	00
Trade	43,000	42,500	42,100	500	900
Wholesale trade	8,800	8,800	8,600	00	200
Retail trade	34,200	33,700	33,500	500	700
General merchandise and apparel	6,300	6,200	6,000	100	300
Food stores	5,300	5,300	5,400	00	— 100
Eating and drinking establishments	8,400	8,000	8,300	400	100
Automotive and filling stations	7,500	7,500	7,100	00	400
Retail trade not elsewhere classified	6,700	6,700	6,700	00	00
Finance, insurance and real estate	7,300	7,300	7,100	00	200
Services and miscellaneous	27,500	27,400	27,400	100	100
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, etc.	2,700	2,700	3,000	00	— 300
Personal services	2,100	2,000	2,200	100	— 100
Other (6)	22,700	22,700	22,200	00	500
Government	54,000	53,700	49,000	300	5,000
Federal	11,800	11,700	11,500	100	300
State and local	42,200	42,000	37,500	200	4,700
Great Falls Area (Cascade County)	22,800	22,200	23,200	600	— 400
*Manufacturing	2,500	2,500	4,000	00	—1,500
Contract construction	2,000	1,600	1,500	400	500
Transportation and utilities	2,000	2,000	2,100	00	— 100
Trade, wholesale and retail	6,100	6,000	5,800	100	300
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1,400	1,400	1,300	00	100
Services and miscellaneous (7)	3,900	3,800	3,800	100	100
Government	4,900	4,900	4,700	00	200
Billings Area (Yellowstone County)	26,400	26,600	25,300	— 200	1,100
Manufacturing	2,700	3,000	2,700	— 300	00
Contract Construction	1,600	1,600	1,300	00	300
Transportation and Utilities	2,900	2,900	2,900	00	00
Trade, wholesale and retail	8,200	8,100	7,800	100	400
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate	1,400	1,400	1,400	00	00
Services and Miscellaneous (7)	4,900	4,900	4,800	00	100
Government	4,700	4,700	4,400	00	300
*Copper Strike Started 7/15/67					

(1) Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Proprietors, firm members, personnel of the armed forces, domestic servants, and self-employed persons are excluded.

(2) Preliminary estimates based on return from samples of 774 selected Montana establishments.

(3) Figures previously released have been revised on return from 1,157 such establishments.

(4) Includes fabricated metal products, machinery except electrical, furniture, stone and clay products.

(5) Includes apparel, chemicals, and miscellaneous manufacturing products.

(6) Includes commercial trade schools, auto repair services and garages, miscellaneous repair services and hand trades, motion pictures, amusements and recreation,

medical and health, law offices and professional services, non-profit membership organizations and business not otherwise classified.

(7) Same as (6) above. Also includes hotels, rooming houses, camps, personal services and mining.

COMPARISON OF BASIC LABOR MARKET ACTIVITIES IN MARCH, 1968 AND MARCH, 1967

Employment Service Office	New Job Applicants				Jobseekers in File				Job Placements								U1 Claims*	
	Mar. 1968		Mar. 1967		Mar. 1968		Mar. 1967		Mar. 1968				Mar. 1967				Wk. 3-29	
	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Ind.	Ag.	Tot.	Vet.	Ind.	Ag.	Tot.	Vet.	1968	1967
Anaconda	93	30	154	53	314	109	227	73	23	14	37	13	110	15	125	57	196	135
Billings	491	156	463	180	2,659	830	2,484	900	342	111	453	177	261	107	368	120	1,044	1,402
Bozeman	190	46	186	36	328	101	514	152	140	28	168	51	81	37	118	26	173	294
Butte	274	86	317	93	1,363	452	1,029	244	30	9	39	9	83	19	102	37	772	411
Cut Bank	36	11	40	10	291	126	414	149	24	40	64	20	11	101	112	25	180	284
Dillon	50	17	41	17	139	34	94	23	30	85	115	57	29	82	111	53	102	90
Glasgow	71	11	50	10	208	47	224	31	46	6	52	15	36	12	48	10	137	152
Glendive	100	23	52	15	264	59	196	52	39	52	91	14	12	42	54	11	87	142
Great Falls	484	98	496	137	2,065	574	2,239	752	246	136	382	99	220	119	339	103	828	1,235
Hamilton	69	20	48	13	319	116	265	80	34	21	55	23	25	5	30	11	198	199
Havre	63	16	31	6	218	94	238	62	36	76	112	29	33	72	105	20	163	207
Helena	276	54	185	37	779	207	578	178	77	24	101	35	72	20	92	40	404	490
Kalispell	273	75	267	80	1,094	379	1,012	337	108	9	117	34	150	17	167	45	815	782
Lewistown	38	10	44	13	198	49	198	59	46	80	126	31	23	62	85	15	102	156
Libby	140	48	106	16	461	166	596	169	10		10		26		26	2	538	514
Livingston	63	18	63	25	255	77	339	73	61	16	77	37	50	10	60	29	193	231
Miles City	77	15	46	9	289	69	163	48	60	24	84	38	36	13	49	6	115	180
Missoula	480	129	408	108	1,487	501	1,385	468	166	26	192	67	146	10	156	45	538	785
Polson	36	6	65	12	224	73	320	105	29	28	57	11	29	3	32	14	154	215
Shelby	46	12	46	12	148	49	198	85	37	70	107	16	23	103	126	8	87	155
Sidney	48	17	74	19	221	69	238	61	22	63	85	24	20	90	110	5	128	176
Thom. Falls	28	11	22	10	200	69	216	85	17		17	6	7		7		111	170
Wolf Point	43	22	36	11	165	67	177	66	16	14	30	8	14	5	19	6	103	138
Billings YOC	293	9	232	9	611	21	615	26	100	3	103	8	86	1	87	8		
TOTALS	3,767	940	3,477	931	14,300	4,338	13,959	4,278	1,739	935	2,674	822	1,583	945	2,528	696	7,168	8,543

*Includes 732 claims of the Fed. U.C. Program 642 same a year ago.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN SELECTED MONTANA INDUSTRIES

(Produced in co-operation with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)
(Hours and earnings data exclude administrative and salaried personnel)

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Mar. (1) 1968	Feb. (2) 1968	Mar. 1967	Mar. (1) 1968	Feb. (2) 1968	Mar. 1967	Mar. (1) 1968	Feb. (2) 1968	Mar. 1967
All Manufacturing	130.98	126.75	118.38	40.3	39.0	39.2	3.25	3.25	3.02
Durable Goods	130.56	130.97	115.14	40.8	40.8	38.9	3.20	3.21	2.96
Primary Metals	*	*	118.40	*	*	40.0	*	*	2.96
Nondurable Goods	129.09	118.50	126.48	39.0	35.8	39.9	3.31	3.31	3.17
Food and Kindred Products	118.20	102.90	115.90	38.5	35.0	41.1	3.07	2.94	2.82
All Mining	115.31	116.64	135.46	35.7	36.0	41.3	3.23	3.24	3.28
Metal Mining	*	*	134.13	*	*	40.4	*	*	3.32
Transportation and Utilities (except Rys.)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Transportation (except railroads)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Utilities and Communications	119.20	119.20	118.12	38.7	38.7	38.6	3.08	3.08	3.06

(1) Preliminary estimates. (2) Figures previously released have been revised on more complete returns.

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